(d) 50 per cent subsidy on the cost of fertilizer applied to plants in the field during the first three years to SC/ST growers.

(e) Financial assistance at rates varying between Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 per hectare to general category small growers and from Rs. 2200 to Rs. 4000 per hectare to SC/ST growers whose total area does not exceed 5.00 hectares.

(f) Financial assistance is also given for setting up irrigation facilitits in rubber estates.

(g) Plantation requisites are also supplied to growers in non-traditional areas at concessional prices.

वानस्पतिक-ऊपादों का आयात

1482 **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने वास्पतिक-उत्पादों के आयात संबंधी नियमों में छूट दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) जून, 1991 से अब तक वानस्पतिक-उत्पादों के आयात से संबंधित कितने मामलों को स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमलुद्दीन अहमद : (क) और (ख) आयात निर्यात नीति, 1992—97 (संशोधित संस्करण मार्च, 1993) के अंतर्गत गेहूं, धान, मोटे अनाज, दालों, तिल और बोने के लिए चारे की बीज का बिना लाइसेंस के आयात करने की अनुमति है बशर्ते कि बीज विकास पर नई नीति, 1988 की शर्तों को पूरा किया जाए और पौध, फल और बीज (भारत में आयात विनियमन) आदेश, 1989 के परमिट के अनुरूप हो। इसी प्रकार पौध, फल और बीज (भारत में आयात विनियमन) आदेश, 1989 के अंतर्गत सब्जियों के बीजों, फलों, फलो और पौधों फूल के कंदों और सकंदों, कटिंग, सैपलिंग तथा बोने और रोपण लिए फूलों और फलों में बुडवुड आदि बिना लाइसेंस के आयात करने की अनुमति है।

(ग) "वनस्पति संबंधी उत्पादों" के आयात के आँकड़े अलग से नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

Proposal for an EPZ at Kanyakumari

1483. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start an Export Processing Zone at Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Taking into account the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Processing Zones, it would not be possible at present for the Government to consider developing new Zones in the country.

Extension of Advance Licences of Exporters

1484. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Governmtnt have decided to grant extension of time for the advance licences of exporters who have fulfilled their export obligations before March 31 this year but could not realise the duty free imports; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the details of the extension period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided that requests for revalidation of Advance Licences pending in the licensing offices as on 31st March, 1993 will be considered as per the procedure than in force.

Export of Instant Coffee

1485. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of export of Instant Coffee from India during the last three years;

(b) the countries to which these exports were made; and

(c) what steps are being taken to promote and encourage exports of Instant coffee ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The total amount of instant coffee exported from India during the last three years (raw coffee equivalent) was as under :—

Year	Quantity
1990-91	14587 MTs
1991-92	4833 MTs
1992-93	13750 MTs

(b) The countries to which instant coffffee is exported include major destinations like UK, Canada, USA, USSR, Australia, Portugal, France, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, Italy, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Nepal, Taiwan, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Baharin and Maldives.

(c) The following steps have been taken to encourage export of instant coffee :

(i) Larger quantities of particular grades of coffees which are used for manufacture of instant coffee are being put up for sale in the export auctions.

(ii) A period of 180 days is given for shipment of instant coffee as compared to 90 days for green coffee. Further, the period is extendable to 210 days if 80 per cent of exports is shipped within the due date.

Domestic Consumption of Instant Coffee

1486. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total domestic consumption of Instant Coffee in India;

(b) what is the amount, out of this, which is met from indigenous production and from imports; and

(c) what is the pattern of increase in domestic demand during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) The total consumption of instant coffee in India was 7151 tonnes in the year 1991.

(b) No coffee is imported for manufacture of instant coffee for sale within India.

(c) The pattern of increase in domestic demand of instant coffee during the last three years is as under :